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FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, TU, GR

SUBJECT: MILITARIZATION OF GREEK ISLANDS

REF: ANKARA 6089

1. AS YOU WILL APPRECIATE, DEPARTMENT HAS DELIBERATELY  
REFRAINED FROM TAKING POSITIONS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES BETWEEN  
GREECE AND TURKEY IN THE AEGEAN. STUDY MENTIONED IN REFTTEL  
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WAS DRAFTED BY POLICY PLANNING STAFF IN 1976 AND SHOULD NOT  
BE CONSTRUED AS A STATEMENT OF US POLICY.

2. WITH RESPECT TO YOUR SPECIFIC QUESTION AND FOR THE  
EMBASSY'S INFORMATION ONLY THE 1936 MONTREUX CONVENTION  
SUPERSEDED ONLY THE 1923 LAUSANNE STRAITS CONVENTION, WHICH  
PROVIDED FOR THE DEMILITARIZATION OF THE TURKISH STRAITS

AND THE NORTHERNMOST ISLANDS (LEMNOS AND SAMOTHRACE--GREEK;  
IMBROS, TENEDOS AND THE RABBIT ISLANDS--TURKISH). STILL IN  
FORCE IS THE 1923 LAUSANNE PEACE TREATY, A SEPARATE DOCUMENT  
WHICH DEMILITARIZED THE SO-CALLED "MIDDLE ISLAND" GROUP  
INCLUDING LESBOS, KHIOS, SAMOS, AND IKARIA. CHRISTOPHER

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